

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

1 1. (Currently Amended) A method for conducting a packet-based call
2 between a calling party and a called party over a public network, ~~wherein packets that~~
3 ~~originate from the calling party including an associated source address on said public~~
4 ~~network,~~ the method comprising:
5 receiving over an access network packets originating from the calling party,
6 each of said packets including an associated source address on said public network, said
7 source address having a predetermined format,
8 translating said source address into a translated source address having said
9 predetermined format, said source address translating being such in such a way that no
10 portion of the source address can be determined from the translated source address; and
11 sending said calling-party-originated packets to the called party, said calling-
12 party-originated packets including the translated source address and not said source
13 address.

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1 2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said packets that
2 originate from the called party include an associated destination address on said public
3 network, said destination address having said predetermined format, and wherein the
4 method further comprises
5 translating said destination address into a translated destination address having
6 said predetermined format, said destination address translating being such in such a way
7 that no portion of the destination address can be determined from the translated
8 destination address; and
9 sending said called-party-originated packets to the calling party, said called-
10 party-originated packets including the translated destination address and not said
11 destination address.

1 3. (Original) A method for connecting a call between a calling party and a
2 called party, comprising:

3 translating a first source address into a first global address, the first source
4 address being local to a first network and being associated with the calling party;

5 translating a first destination address into a second global address;

6 sending the first global address and the second global address from a first
7 network edge device to a second network edge device, the first network edge device
8 connecting the first network and a second network, the second network edge device
9 connecting a third network to the second network, the third network being associated
10 with the called party;

11 translating the first global address into a second source address, the second
12 source address being local to the third network;

13 translating the second global address into a second destination address, the
14 second destination address being local to the third network and being associated with
15 the called party

1 4. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein:

2 the first source address and the first destination address are translated at the first
3 edge router for a plurality of packets associated with the call, and

4 the first global address and the second global address are translated at the second
5 edge router for the plurality of packets associated with the call.
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1 5. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein:

2 the first source address and the first destination address are translated at the first
3 edge router connecting the first network and the second network

4 the first global address and the second global address are translated at the second
5 edge router connecting the second network and the third network.

1 6. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein:
2 the first source address and the second source address are associated with an
3 originating interface unit within the first network, and
4 the first destination address and the second destination address are associated
5 with a terminating interface unit within the third network.

1 7. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein:
2 the first network and the third network are untrusted networks, and
3 the second network is a trusted network

1 8. (Original) The method of claim 3, further comprising:
2 releasing the first global address and the second global address after the call is
3 completed; and
4 translating a third source address into the first global address, the third source
5 address being local to the first network and being associated with a second calling party.

1 9. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein:
2 the second destination address is translated into the second global address for a
3 plurality of packets associated with the call and being sent from the called party to the
4 calling party;
5 the second source address is translated into the first global address for the
6 plurality of packets;
7 the first global address is translated into the first source address for the plurality
8 of packets; and
9 the second global address is translated into the first destination address for the
10 plurality of packets.

1 10. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein:
2 the first source address and the first destination address are translated at the first

3 network edge device for a first plurality of packets associated with the call and being
4 sent from the calling party to the called party,
5 the first global address and the second global address are translated at the second
6 network edge device for the first plurality of packets associated with the call and being
7 sent from the calling party to the called party.

1 11. (Original) The method of claim 10, further comprising:
2 translating the second destination address into the second global address for a
3 second plurality of packets associated with the call and being sent from the called party
4 to the calling party;
5 translating the second source address into the first global address for the second
6 plurality of packets;
7 translating the first global address into the first source address for the second
8 plurality of packets; and
9 translating the second global address into the first destination address for the
10 second plurality of packets.

~~12-22. (Canceled)~~

1 23. (Original) A method for privately connecting a call between a calling
2 party and a called party, comprising:
3 receiving a first global address and a second global address, the first global
4 address being a translation of a first source address, the first source address being local
5 to a first network and being associated with the calling party, the second global address
6 being a translation of a first destination address, the first destination address being
7 associated with the called party;
8 translating the first global address into a second source address, the second
9 source address being local to a second network; and
10 translating the second global address into a second destination address, the

11 second destination address being local to the second network and being associated with
12 the called party.

1 24. (Original) The method of claim 23, wherein:
2 the first global address and the second global address are translated for a
3 plurality of packets associated with the call and being sent from the calling party to the
4 called party,
5 the first global address and the second global address are translated at an edge
6 router connecting a third network to the second network.

1 25. (Original) The method of claim 23, wherein:
2 the first source address and the second source address are associated with an
3 originating telephone broadband interface within the first network, and
4 the first destination address and the second destination address are associated
5 with a terminating broadband interface within the second network.

1 26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23, wherein
2 the first global address and the second global address are translated at an edge
3 router connecting a third network to the second network,
4 and wherein the first network and the second network are not under the control
5 of the third network.

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7 27. (Original) The method of claim 23, further comprising:
8 releasing the first global address and the second global address after the call is
9 completed; and
10 translating the first global address into a third source address, the third source
11 address being local to the second network and being associated with a second called
12 party.

1 28. (Original) The method of claim 23, wherein:
2 the first global address is translated into a second source address for a first
3 plurality of packets associated with the call and being sent from the calling party to the
4 called party; and
5 the second global address is translated into a second destination address for the
6 first plurality of packets.

1 29. (Original) The method of claim 28, further comprising:
2 translating the second source address into the first global address for a second
3 plurality of packets associated with the call and being sent from the called party to the
4 calling party; and
5 translating the second destination address into the second global address for the
6 second plurality of packets.

~~30-36. (Canceled)~~

1 37. (Original) A method for connecting a call between a calling party and a
2 called party, comprising:
3 translating a first local address into a first global address, the first local address
4 being associated with a first network;
5 sending the first global address from a first network edge device to a second
6 network edge device, the first network edge device connecting the first network and a
7 second network, the second network edge device connecting a third network to the
8 second network; and
9 translating the first global address into a second local address, the second local
10 address being associated with the third network.

1 38. (Original) The method of claim 37, wherein:
2 the first local address is associated with the calling party, the first network is

3 associated with the calling party,
4 the second local address is associated with the called party, the second network
5 is associated with the called party.

1 39. (Original) The method of claim 37, wherein:
2 the first local address is associated with the called party, the first network is
3 associated with the called party,
4 the second local address is associated with the calling party, the second network
5 is associated with the calling party.

1 40. (Original) The method of claim 37, further comprising:
2 releasing the first global address after the call is completed; and
3 translating a third local address into the first global address, the third local
4 address being associated with a second call.

1 41. (Original) The method of claim 37, further comprising:
2 translating a second local address into a second global address, the second local
3 address being associated with the third network;
4 sending the second global address from the second network edge device to the
5 first network edge device; and
6 translating the second global address into a third local address, the third local
7 address being associated with the first network.

1 42. (Currently Amended) A method for connecting a call between a calling
2 party and a called party, comprising:
3 receiving, from a first network edge device at a second network edge device, a
4 first global address ~~being that is~~ a translation of ~~the~~ a first local address, the first local
5 address being associated with a first network, the first network edge device connecting
6 the first network and a second network, the second network edge device connecting a

7 third network to the second network; and
8 translating the first global address into a second local address, the second local
9 address being associated with the third network.

1 43. (Original) The method of claim 42, wherein:
2 the first local address is associated with the calling party, the first network is
3 associated with the calling party,
4 the second local address is associated with the called party, the second network
5 is associated with the called party.

1 44. (Original) The method of claim 42, wherein:
2 the first local address is associated with the called party, the first network is
3 associated with the called party,
4 the second local address is associated with the calling party, the second network
5 is associated with the calling party.

1 45. (Original) The method of claim 42, further comprising:
2 releasing the first global address after the call is completed; and
3 translating a third local address into the first global address, the third local
4 address being associated with a second call.

1 46. (Original) The method of claim 42, further comprising:
2 translating a second local address into a second global address, the second local
3 address being associated with the third network;
4 sending the second global address from the second network edge device to the
5 first network edge device; and
6 translating the second global address into a third local address, the third local
7 address being associated with the first network.
